

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JANUARY 25, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Ashworth, Furlong
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff distributed information relative to an upcoming project being done by Northeast Utilities. They intend to clear underneath their utility lines.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 14, 2011 and January 9, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 14, 2011 and January 9, 2012

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously.

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Poquonnock Road Sidewalk

Staff explained that the proposal includes construction of a 5 foot wide asphalt sidewalk along the west edge of Poquonnock Road at Trail's Corner. The sidewalk is 209 feet long and will link two existing sidewalks. She reviewed the wetlands and the location on the map, which is opposite Johl Drive. The sidewalk will be bituminous and will be constructed against the edge of pavement. She noted that there is an existing leak-off that will be removed. Drainage will continue to be by sheet flow as a gas line prevents the installation of a new catch basin. Guardrails and a chain link fence will be installed.

MOTION: To classify as a minor application

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Euro Trading Company, 0 Hazelnut Hill Road

Staff stated that the applicant has withdrawn the application. The applicant may redesign their proposal and resubmit an application in the future.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To elect David Scott as Chairperson

Motion made by Ashworth, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To elect Eunice Sutphen as Vice Chairperson

Motion made by Block, seconded by Scott, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To elect Barbara Block as Secretary

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously

2. Report of Chair - None
3. Report of Staff

Staff stated that Town has received a subdivision application in regards to the Obrey Re-subdivision on Route 184. Currently, this property is owned by the bank. Staff reviewed the location on the map. The original permit included 9 lots with existing water and septic. The Whittles have entered into an agreement with the bank to purchase this property. The proposal calls for 4 lots on one driveway. Staff reviewed the wetlands and spoke about drainage, erosion control, and grading. She stated that the original permit is still valid and will expire in 2014. She believes that the proposed work falls within the scope of the existing permit. The Agency agreed that no wetland permit is required.

Staff reported that she met with the owners of the rear lot in the Petri Subdivision to discuss the mowing that has been done in the regulated area. The owners have continued to mow the area that was disturbed during the Pequot Fort archeological investigation. They have planted the area with fruit trees and berry bushes and plan to do additional plantings. They are mowing between the trees and shrubs. They will develop a sketch of what they plan to do for Agency review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Crandall Property Remediation Update

Staff reported that Mr. Crandall is working to remove fill from Wetland Area 6, along the road. He has not started work on areas 4 and 5. She will be in court tomorrow at a status conference, called by the Judge, and will report the results to the Agency.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

David Scott, Chairman
Inland Wetland Agency

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